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News from State Auditor Ed Hatchett's Office

Hatchett Releases Audit of Bullitt County Fiscal Court

Audit notes related party transaction and incomplete financial statement

(Frankfort) State Auditor Ed Hatchett has released his audit of the financial statements of the Bullitt County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. As Auditor of Public Accounts, Hatchett is responsible for auditing the financial statements of Kentucky's county governments and state agencies. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

The audit contains the following comments:

- The county should refrain from engaging in related party transactions between county government and relatives of elected officials.
 Subsequent to our audit comment, the questioned contract was not renewed.
- The Office of the Former County Judge/Executive did not comply with KRS 68.360(2), which requires the Judge to complete a financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

Please refer to pages 52-53 of the attached audit report for specific information regarding audit findings and management responses.

The report found that the county's financial statements, in all material aspects, fairly present the county's financial transactions.